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ON THE

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FOR THE YEAR 1865.

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For 1865.

DISTRICT OF SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS.

	Square Miles.		*Souls.*
AREA	5,375	POPULATION	522,000

1	2		3		4		5	
CRIMES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1 Offences against the State	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Ditto relating to the Army	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 Ditto against public tranquillity	34	149	39½	112½	.....	36½	6½	.....
4 Ditto by, or relating to, public servants ...	30	37	37½	62	.....	.....	7½	25
5 Contempt of lawful authority of public servants	133	204	126	258½	7	.....	.....	54½
6 False evidence and offences against public justice	94	118	117	156	.....	.....	23	38
7 Offences relating to coin and Government stamps	6	8	6½	8	.....	.....	½	.....
8 Ditto relating to weights and measures ...	18	67	18	19½	.....	47½	.....	.....
9 Ditto affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals	37	84	46½	62	.....	22	9½	.....
10 Ditto relating to religion	2	3	.....	.....	2	3	.....	.....
11 Ditto affecting the human body	677	967	1019½	1345½	.....	.....	342½	378½
12 Ditto against property	1430	2127	2114½	2906½	.....	.....	684½	779½
13 Ditto relating to documents and to trade or property marks	1	1	2½	5	.....	.....	1½	4
14 Criminal breach of contract of service ...	1	1	1	7	.....	.....	.....	6
15 Offences relating to marriage	9	19	20	24½	.....	.....	11	5½
16 Defamation	63	75	54½	75	.....	.....	1½	.....
17 Criminal intimidation, insult, and annoyance ...	65	92	83½	107	.....	.....	18½	15
18 Miscellaneous offences	321	453	234	313	87	140	.....	.....
Total	2911	4405	3920½	5462	93	249	1105½	1306
Total decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1009½	1057

There has been a decrease in crime during the year, which is satisfactory.

N. B.—The nomenclature for 1862 not having been prepared according to the present system, the average for three years cannot be taken, and it is therefore given for only two years, *viz.*, 1863 and 1864 in column 3.

3rd Class.—*Offences against Public Tranquillity.*

1		2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		Average of two previous years.		Number of persons under trial.			Convicted.						Acquitted, discharged, or released on bail.									
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Unlawful assembly, Section 143 ...	3	33	2	10	5	33	38	...	...	...	16	8	...	...	...	...	5	9	...	...	...	...
2	Rioting, &c., Section 147	...	...	1	3½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Affray, Section 160	31	116	36½	99	...	103	103	...	...	...	47	42	...	...	...	5	9	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	34	149	39½	112½	5	136	141	...	...	...	63	50	...	...	...	5	14	9	...	...	...	...

The convictions are very good.

4th Class.—*Offences by, or relating to, Public Servants.*

1		2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		Average of two previous years.		Number of persons under trial.			Convicted.						Acquitted, discharged, or released on bail.									
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences by public servants, Sections 162 to 169	29	36	34½	65	3	33	36	...	...	...	8	6	...	...	...	6	11	...	5*	...	...	...
2	Offences relating to public servants, Sections 170 and 171	1	1	3	7	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	30	37	37½	62	3	34	37	...	...	...	9	6	...	...	...	6	11	...	5	...	...	...

The proportion of conviction to acquittal is not favorable.

* Deoghur.

5TH CLASS.—*Contempt of the lawful authority of Public Servants.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Contempt of the lawful authority, Sections 172 to 190	133	204	126	258½	1	200	201	...	...	...	139	22	...	...	...	17	23	...	...	...	...	...

The convictions are good.

6TH CLASS.—*False Evidence and Offences against Public Justice.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 False evidence or subornation, &c., of the same, Sections 193 to 200 ...	1	1	4	6½	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*1	...	...	...
2 Offences against public justice, Sections 201 to 229	93	117	113	149½	...	113	113	...	...	...	54	41	...	...	...	7	9	...	†2	...	...	...
Total ...	94	118	117	156	...	114	114	...	...	...	54	41	...	...	...	7	9	...	3	...	...	...

The convictions are very satisfactory.

* Pakour, committed and convicted in January 1866.
† 1 Deoghur.
1 Godda.

7TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to coin, Sections 231 to 254	6	8	6½	8	...	8	8	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1*	...	...	...
2 Offences relating to Government stamps, &c., Sections 255 to 263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	6	8	6½	8	...	8	8	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...

* Deoghur.

8TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Weights and Measures.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to weights and measures, Sections 264 to 267 ...	18	67	18	19½	...	66	66	...	...	...	56	3	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...

Convictions satisfactory.

9TH CLASS.—*Offences affecting the Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency, and Morals.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences affecting public health, Sections 269 to 278	10	51	13	13½	...	51	51	...	...	...	50	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Ditto ditto safety, Sections 279 to 289	17	20	23	25½	...	17	17	...	...	...	4	8	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
3 Ditto ditto convenience, Sections 290 and 291	7	10	9	18½	...	10	10	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Ditto ditto decency and morals, Sections 292 to 294	3	3	1½	4½	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	37	84	46½	62	...	81	81	...	...	...	63	10	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...

Convictions very satisfactory.

10TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Religion.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to religion, Sections 295 to 298	2	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...

11TH CLASS.—*Offences affecting the Human body.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Murder, Section 302	3	3	8	21	3	3	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	2*	...	...	...
2 Attempt to commit murder... ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 Culpable homicide, Section 304 ...	9	30	2½	2½	1	28	29	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	10	6	...	...	7†	...	...	2
4 Thuggee, &c., Section 311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 Abetment of suicide, Sections 305 and 306	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Attempt at ditto, Section 309 ...	1	1	3½	3½	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7 Rape, Section 376	10	10	7	11½	...	10	10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	2	...	1‡	...	...	...
8 Unnatural offences, Section 377 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Causing miscarriage attended with aggravating circumstances, Sections 312 to 315	...	...	½	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Other cases, Section 312	2	3	1	1½	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
11 Injury to unborn children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12 Exposure of infants, Section 317 ...	...	...	½	½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13 Concealment of birth by secret disposal of the dead body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14 Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances, Section 366	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 Other cases, Sections 363 to 372 ...	2	2	2	3½	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
16 Slavery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17 Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	1	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3§	...	...	...	...
18 Forced labor, Section 374	...	...	½	½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 Hurt with aggravating circumstances, Sections 325 to 331 and 333	5	7	5	10½	...	7	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	1§	...	...	...
20 Other cases, Sections 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338	25	40	33½	61½	...	40	40	...	...	...	15	7	...	...	...	2	11	...	5‖	...	...	...
21 Criminal force or assault, Sections 352 to 356	587	815	919	1156	12	546	558	...	...	...	114	85	...	...	...	207	127	2	23¶	...	...	...
22 Wrongful confinement, Sections 342 to 348	16	31	12½	35½	...	28	28	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	3	12	...	9a	...	...	...
23 Ditto restraint, Section 341... ...	16	22	21	33	...	18	18	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	2	5	2	2a	...	...	...
Total ...	677	967	1019½	1345½	16	689	705	...	...	7	135	98	...	...	18	231	157	4	53	...	...	2

The proportion of convictions to acquittals is not favorable.

Class 11.—In August 1858, one Bakor Pahariah, of Koskota Pahar, (in the Pakour Division), left his house a little after sunrise without informing his family where he was going; not returning in the evening, his family thought he had probably staid at some friend's house for the night, and as Bakor was frequently in the habit of staying away for days together, his family were in no ways anxious about him; but several days passing, and Bakor not yet returning, they enquired of their neighbours and relatives if anything had been seen of him, but could find no trace of him. As Bakor was in the habit of leaving his home up in the hills, and proceeding to the plains for work among Bengalee farmers, and as he had brought no money back with him the last time he had come from the plains, his family thought he had again left for the plains.

* 1 Godda. 1 Doomka. † 5 Godda. 2 Pakour. ‡ 1 Godda. § Doomka. ‖ 4 Deoghur. 1 Rajmehal. ¶ 7 Deoghur. 15 Godda. 1 Rajmehal. a Deoghur.

Several weeks elapsing, and Bakor not returning to his home, his son, Aora Pahariah, then about 17 or 18, went down to the plains to see if he could procure any tidings of his father. He enquired at every village, where he knew his father had been in the habit of working, but could find no trace of him. During this time the son, too, had to work for his own livelihood, and finding he could secure a better one in the plains than up in the hills, he settled in a Bengalee village. In November last, he met one Bamon Sonia Pahariah, who had come down to the plains in search of work, Aora knew this Bamon Sonia, as the latter lived at Jamree Pahar which was only a mile from his former hill home. Bamon asked him if he had got any tidings of his father, Aora said he had not, Bamon then told him he knew what had become of him, and on being pressed by the son, informed the latter, that he had seen one Goonda Pahariah of his village of Jamree strike down and kill his father, because the father had gone to borrow some Indian Corn of Goonda, and was already in Goonda's debt for Rupees 2, which Goonda demanded payment of, and because Bakor could not pay, Goonda got enraged, and getting out a tenga from the thatch of his house, struck Bakor twice over the head with it, killing him on the spot. Goonda then dragged the body down to a hole in a piece of jungle west of his house, and there buried it; all this he had distinctly seen from his own house, which was higher up the hill than Goonda's. After a time he, Bamon, went down to the spot where he had seen Goonda drag the body, and saw that the body had been buried in a hole; and the hole filled up with stones, earth, &c. As he was returning, Goonda having seen him from his house, called out to him, and said, I see you have been watching me, if you say anything of what you have seen, I will serve you the same as that man; for fear of Goonda therefore he had never revealed what he had seen. The son, on getting this information, went up to the hills, and informed the Pahariah Sirdar and Chowkeedar of his elaka. The Sirdar sent the Chowkeedar to the plains to call Bamon Sonia, who was then at Bellia Pulsa, some 30 miles off; whilst he and some neighbouring Chowkeedars through stratagem got Goonda to a neighbouring village, and there apprehended him, taxing him with the murder of Bakor Pahariah, Goonda denied the charge altogether, but when Bamon Sonia arrived, and repeated all he had seen, and went and pointed out the spot, and his own uncle, the only man who would from superstitious dread, dug up the bones; those of the legs and body being met with first, and the skull below all, shewing that the body had been thrown into the hole head foremost, Goonda made a free admission of his guilt, and said he had killed Bakor Pahariah some 7 years previously with a tengah, and buried him in such hole; that Bakor had owed him Rupees 2 for a long time, and had always put him off, and latterly had altogether evaded him; when he came to his house at Jamree to borrow some Indian Corn, he had called upon him to pay the Rupees 2 first, and as he refused, they had words, ending with his killing Bakor with a tenga, and to get rid of the body, he buried it where found. Before the Assistant Commissioner of Pakour he fully confessed to the murder, but before the Sessions he retracted such confession, and denied the charge *in toto*, saying that Bamon Sonia had falsely sworn against him, as he, Bamon, owed him 1 Rupee, which he wished to avoid paying by getting rid of him: and as to the confession he had been induced to make the same as the Chowkeedars who had taken him a prisoner to Pakour told him that the Hakim would let him off if he confessed, but would punish him if he denied?

The Sessions Court taking into consideration all the particulars of the case, the prisoner's admission of the murder and disposal of the body both before the village authorities, and afterwards before the Assistant Commissioner; also his having struck the deceased with a heavy bludgeon, such as the tenga described, (a hill tenga is generally about 2 to 2½ feet long by 1½ to 2 inches diameter, of hard grained heavy wood, pointed at both ends for convenience of digging up edible roots), and although no premeditation to murder deceased was proved against him, inasmuch as it was shown that deceased had voluntarily gone to the prisoner's house for the purpose of borrowing some Indian Corn, the prisoner must

have well known that blows from such a bludgeon, and on the head, would assuredly have caused death, and as the prisoner had received no provocation to justify so brutal and outrageous an attack on an unarmed man, he was sentenced to transportation for life.

12TH CLASS.—*Offences against Property.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Dacoity with murder, Section 396	...	...	½	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Ditto with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt, Section 397	...	...	1	14	13	...	13	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
3 Ditto, other cases, Sections 395, 399, 400 and 402	6	34	16½	137½	24 29	22	51	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	33	9	...	...	4*	...	...	...
4 Robbery with hurt, Section 394	...	...	½	½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 Ditto, other cases, Section 392	11	26	14¼	29½	3	19	22	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Theft with aggravating circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7 Ditto, other cases, Sections 379, 381 and 401	648	911	1172	1436	5	561	566	1	...	...	278	71	...	...	...	58	83	61	† 11	1	2	...
8 Ditto attempts	...	...	7	8½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Extortion with aggravating circumstances	...	...	1	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Ditto, other cases, Sections 384 and 385	34	46	24	41½	...	43	43	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	26	5	...	...	...	...	...
11 Ditto criminal breach of trust, Sections 406 to 409	13	17	14½	19½	...	15	15	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	...	1	...	...
12 Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen property, Sections 411 to 414	75	122	58	128	6	122	128	...	...	4	70	1	...	...	1	41	9	2	...	...	...	...
13 Mischief with aggravating circumstances, Section 429	2	2	4½	5½	-	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
14 Ditto, other cases, Sections 426 to 428 and 436	167	260	105	161	1	206	207	...	...	...	48	28	...	...	...	54	49	...	† 27	...	1	...
15 Criminal trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16 Ditto for commission of serious offences, Sections 449 to 458	148	237	286	365	...	48	48	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	12	1	1	...	...	...	...
17 Ditto other cases, Sections 447, 448, 451, 452, 453, 454, 456, 461 and 462	247	351	281	399½	6	152	158	...	...	1	32	42	...	...	...	45	23	12	§3	...	...	...
18 Attempt at house-breaking	18	30	15½	31	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 Fraudulent deeds and dispossession of property	...	...	½	½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20 Criminal misappropriation of property, Sections 403 and 404	25	41	67½	58	1	39	40	...	...	...	9	3	...	...	...	9	18	...	§1	...	...	...
21 Cheating, Sections 417, 418, and 419	35	43	55	64½	...	27	27	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	1	6	10	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1430	2127	2114½	2906½	64	1259	1323	1	...	18	500	145	...	...	45	286	201	76	46	2	3	...

Convictions fair.

* Pakour.

† 6 Godda.
2 Rajmehal.
3 Doomka.

‡ 16 Deoghur.
16 Godda.
1 Rajmehal.

§ Rajmehal.

Note 1.—In last year's Statement there was an error of 1 person in column pending under item 3, dacoity, other cases. The number should have been 29 and not 30 as therein shewn. The mistake was caused by the Assistant Commissioner of Godda (Mr. J. Bell) having brought forward in 1864 only 12 instead of 13 as pending at close of 1863. Having committed 1 person, apprehended during the commission of a dacoity, at close of 1863, he did not consider this case as any longer pending before him and struck it off his file of "pending," this was wrong and irregular. This error was overlooked last year in the Return for 1864. The convictions in which year under item dacoity, other cases, should have been 7 and not 6. The correct number of persons pending at close of 1864 is 29, which number has therefore been brought forward in this Statement.

A dacoity was committed on the night of the 20th September last at Sooksenna Ghât by a gang of dacoits, some 20 to 25 in number, who plundered four Mahajuns' houses. The dacoits carrying off property valued at Rupees 979 (Rupees 944 in cash and Rupees 35 worth of clothes, and brass utensils) afterwards made for the Ganges which was close by, and entering a boat first made up stream, and afterwards endeavoured to cross the river; they were at once followed by one Jhotee Ameen and some villagers in a fast pulling open boat, who soon came up with the dacoits' boat, which was a common up-country puttelee. The villagers being afraid to tackle the dacoits on the river, as the latter were much more numerous than themselves, kept following the dacoits' boat, calling out for assistance. The dacoits crossed and re-crossed the river in hopes of getting rid of their pursuers, but finding the villagers still following them, some of the gang landed on a chur and made off across country, taking the plundered property with them, as none was afterwards found; the remaining dacoits pushed off again, followed by the villagers, when about dawn the dacoits made for the Goredhowa Ghât on the Maldah side. The villagers called out to the Goredhowa men to prevent the dacoits from landing, but the latter being armed with lattees made a rush for the shore, deserting their boat, and for a time escaped. Some of the villagers ran off and gave intimation of the dacoity to their Zemindar, Mr. Cumming, who resided some 2½ to 3 miles off at Muttrapore. That gentleman at once sent off some peadahs in different directions, and four of the dacoits were captured about 2 miles from Goredhowa whilst endeavoring to hide in some bushy trees surrounded on all sides by water, the country being then more or less inundated by the Ganges.

The four men, when arrested, gave very contradictory accounts of themselves, first saying that their boat, laden with linseed, had been wrecked below Rajmehal, and that they had to swim across the Ganges; when told that this could not have been as there was a long diarra at, and for a considerable distance below Rajmehal, one of the four then said that their boat had been wrecked below Muttrapore, some 4 miles N. E. of Rajmehal; the four men were then taken off to Mr. Cumming, and the next day sent to Rajmehal. In the meantime the boat deserted by the dacoits had been brought to Rajmehal, and was fastened at the Assistant Commissioner's Cutcherry Ghât, when the four captured arrived at the ghât, and seeing their boat at once claimed it as theirs; but when told that they had said their boat had been a large one loaded with linseed, and had been wrecked, they had nothing further to say. When the boat was examined, it was found that there were four choollas or fire-places for cooking on board, two at the bows and two at the stern; a considerable quantity of cooked rice in thallees and in the boat's scoop, also seven hookahs on board; no bedding found in the boat, there was a machân or platform extending almost the whole length of boat made of bamboos and Jhâoo branches, and evidently for a number of men to sleep on; there were also a few old mats, a sail, and three or four oars.

Both before the Committing Officer and the Deputy Commissioner the accused gave very contradictory statements, and as there was no doubt that these men formed portion of the gang who committed the dacoity at the Sooksenna Ghât, they were convicted and sentenced to ten years' transportation in December last, which sentence was afterwards confirmed on appeal preferred to the Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs. A reward of Rupees 100 was given to Jhotee Ameen and his party and the captors of the four dacoits. These latter are Chyees from Ghazeepore, and all boatmen; this class of people make regular periodical visits and commit river dacoities in Bengal. I am informed that up-country dacoits now send a spy ahead by rail to Bengal, and ascertain where booty worth having is to be found. On getting good information of a find from their spy, a whole gang come down by train, get out at some conveniently near station, proceed to the place to be plundered, commit their dacoity, then separate into parties, take the rail again, and return to their homes, or

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go elsewhere, evading all chance of apprehension. Such a gang committed dacoity in the Godda Sub-Division a short time ago, and on their return *to Buxar* several of the gang were apprehended by the Police as they were unable to give a satisfactory account as to how they had obtained certain property found on them. They were put on bail, and intimation sent to Magistrates describing the articles found. Mr. Man, Assistant Commissioner of Godda, thinking that perhaps the owner of the house in which a dacoity had been committed some little time previous might be able to recognize some of the articles advertised, sent him up to Buxar on the chance. This man, Poorun Mundle, on arrival at Buxar, recognized several articles as having been plundered from his house the night of the dacoity, among them a ring with his name scratched or engraved on it, thus leaving no doubt of the ownership. I have desired Mr. Man to get the parties, with whom Poorun Mundul's thing had been found, down to Godda, and to investigate the case. In this case a goindah had been sent ahead in the guise of a priest, who had remained several weeks in Poorun Mundul's village, and shortly before the dacoity had gone off.

The following shews the percentage of plundered property recovered :—

CRIMES.	Value of property plundered in all cases reported.	Value of property recovered	Percentage of recovery on total loss.		Percentage of recovery in cases where the offenders were arrested.	
			1865.	Average of two previous years.	1865.	Average of two previous years.
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Highway robbery	134 5 0	12 0 0	8 15 0	23 7 1	14 3 2	50 0 0
Dacoity	1,542 9 0	27 5 6	1 12 3	5 9 8	1 13 8	12 5 9
House trespass with intent to commit theft	12,158 4 9	708 3 7	5 13 0	9 8 5	26 0 3	24 12 10
Theft	8,589 7 10	2,413 14 1	28 1 9	41 12 2½	66 0 6	59 8 4½

The percentage of recovery to total loss of property during the year is very bad.

13TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Documents and to Trade or Property Marks.*

1	2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers ...	1	1	2½	5	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

14TH CLASS.—*Criminal breach of Contract of Service.*

1	2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Criminal breach of contract of service, Section 42	1	1	1	7	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1*	...	...	...

* Godda.

15TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Marriage.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to marriage ...	9	19	20	24½	...	19	19	...	...	...	8	.. *	...	...	...	13	1	..	2*	..	..	...

* Doomka.

16TH CLASS.—*Defamation.*

1	2		3		4			5					6						7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
Defamation	53	75	54½	75	1	47	48	...	...	...	18	... *	...	...	...	11	12	..	4*	...	..	...

* 3 Dooghur.
1 Godda.

Convictions unfavorable.

17TH CLASS.—*Criminal Intimidation, Insult or Annoyance.*

1	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	2		3		4			5						6								7	8	9	10
		1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.											
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.		High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance resulting in death or other grievous hurt	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Other cases	65	92	81½	105	2	83	85	...	...	...	35	4		...	...	...	25	20	...	1	...	...	...
	Total ...	65	92	83½	107	2	83	85	...	...	...	35	4		...	...	...	25	20	...	1*	...	...	...

* Godda.

Convictions fair.

18TH CLASS.—*Miscellaneous Offences.*

1	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	2		3		4			5						6								7	8	9	10
		1865.		AVERAGE OF TWO PREVIOUS YEARS.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.											
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January 1865.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.		High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	Police.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Breach of Act XXI. of 1856 ...	71	102	58	88	...	102	102	...	...	...	88	7		...	...	...	4	2	...	1	...	...	...
2	Breach of Act III. of 1857 ...	52	74	82½	110½	1	59	60	...	...	...	24	9		...	...	...	16	11	...	...	...	...	...
3	Maintenance, Section 316 ...	50	50	37	42	...	33	33	...	...	1	8	...		...	...	...	19	5	...	...	...	...	...
4	Breach of Act III. of 1863 ...	13	21	7½	11½	...	17	17	...	...	...	14	...		...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Frivolous complaint	34	34	17	18½	...	34	34	...	...	...	29	5		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Breach of Act X. of 1862	1	2	½	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Breach of Act V. of 1861	22	47	...	...	...	47	47	...	...	...	45	...		...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Dispossession, Section 318	31	44	18	19½	...	36	36	...	...	...	20	...		...	...	...	14	2	...	...	...	...	...
9	Breach of Act XVIII. of 1854 ...	47	79	13½	22	...	79	79	...	...	...	62	3		...	...	...	13	...	...	1	...	...	...
	Total ...	321	453	234	313	1	409	410	...	...	1	292	24		...	...	...	71	20	...	2*	...	...	...

Note.—Several miscellaneous cases formerly included in 1863 and 1864 Statements have been excluded from this year's Statement. *Vide* His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's Resolution dated 11th August 1865, paragraph 5. The totals of column 3 will not therefore correspond with those of column 3 for 1863 and 1864 for comparison.

* 1 Doomka.
1 Rajmehal.

Convictions very good, except as to heading 3.

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The total number of persons arrested by the Police and Village Authorities and brought into Sudder Station on their own authority was 848,* and 2,347 were sent in by order of the Assistant Commissioner. Of the former, 596 were convicted, 18 committed, 224 acquitted, 2 transferred, and 8 pending. Of the latter, 1,194 were convicted, 32 committed, 1,018 acquitted, 2 died, 2 escaped, and 99 pending.

The following Table shews the number of village Officers punished during the year 1865 :—

Dismissal (Deprivation.)

Rank.	Number.	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Mundul ...	1	Not reporting theft	1	..	..	...	..
Ditto ...	1	Exercising illegal power ...	..	..	..	..	1
Chowkeedar ..	33	Neglect of duty	19	4	3	...	7
Ditto ...	7	Absconded	..	..	..	..	7
Ditto ..	1	For theft	..	..	...	..	1
Ditto ...	2	False information	...	2	..	..	...
Ditto ..	12	Not reporting crime	10	2	..	..	..
Pahariah Naib ..	1	Illicit distillation	..	...	...	1	..
Constable ..	1	Neglect of duty	..	1	...	...	..
Total ...	59		30	9	3	1	16

B.—Suspensions.

Rank.	Number.	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Chowkeedars ...	3	Disobedience of orders	3	...	..	..	...
Ditto	3	Not reporting theft	3	..	..	..	..
Total ..	6		6	...	...	..	..

* Of this number 343 were sent in by the Police in the Deoghur Sub-Division, the only Sub-Division in the Sonthal Pergunnahs, where the Regular Police have been introduced, 243 were convicted and 100 acquitted.

C.—Fines.

Rank.	Number.	Number of times fined.	Amount.	Deoghur.	Doonka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
			Rs. As. P.					
Pergunnites ...	7	Once	82 0 0	...	2	3	1	1
Munduls ..	36	Ditto 1, twice ..	322 8 0	20	1	2	2	11
Chowkeedars ...	106	Once	234 0 0	61	5	6	...	34
Ditto ...	10	Twice	19 8 0	10	...	..	...	..
Total ...	159		658 0 0	91	8	11	3	46

The following Table gives the number of accidental deaths reported in 1865 :—

	Drowned.	Bitten by snakes.	Burnt.	Killed by lightning.	Killed by wild beasts.	Killed by bite of wild animals.	Killed by alligators.	By falling from trees.	By falling of walls.	By fall from a house.	Railway accident.	From other causes.	Excess of drinking.
Men	27	49	1	11	53	1	1	3	1	...	4	1	..
Women	12	35	...	3	16	...	..	2	..	...	1	..	..
Boys	17	10	1	...	5	...	..	2	1	...	...	1	..
Girls	10	6	2	...	3	..	1	...	..	...	..	1	..
Total	66	100	4	14	77	1	2	7	2	...	5	3	...

MEMO. of wild beasts destroyed and for which rewards have been paid in 1866.

Animals.	Number.	Deoghar.	Number.	Doomka.	Number.	Godda.	Number.	Pakour.	Number.	Rajmehal.	Number.
Tigers	27	...	9	...	6	...	1	...	3	...	8
Leopards	102	...	23	...	59	...	9	...	5	...	6
Hyenas	44	...	15	...	24	...	5	...	...	...	...
Bears	71	...	39	...	31	...	1	...	...	...	...
Wolves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	244	...	86	...	120	...	16	...	8	...	14

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,

A. MONEY,
Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE;
SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS,
CAMP DARJEELING,
The 14th June 1866.

CRIMINAL No. 1.

STATEMENT shewing the number of Commitments made by Sonthal Officers and how disposed of by the Deputy Commissioner for the year 1865.

Names of Officers making Commitment.	Name of Division.	Number of Cases.	Number of Persons.	Number of Persons pending at the close of last year.	Total.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Died in Jail.	Committed to Commissioner.	Pending.	Total.	Remarks.
Mr. Assistant Commr. Wilmot, Deoghur ...	Deoghur ...	4	7	3	10	1	9	...	...	...	10	
Ditto ditto Cosserat, Doomka ...	Doomka ...	5	28	1	29	7	22	...	...	...	29	
Mr. Offg. ditto MacEwen, Godda ...	Godda ...	7	17	2	19	9	10	...	...	...	19	
Mr. Sub. ditto Fraser, Ditto	Ditto ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Mr. Asst. Commr. Man, Ditto	Ditto ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1*	1	*Prisoner escaped from Hazut 26th December 1865, and has not since been apprehended. Commitment struck off in February 1866 pending prisoner's re capture. Charge—mischief by setting fire to a dwelling-house. Section 436. Case committed to Sessions in December 1865.
Ditto G. Smith, ...	Pakour ...	8	10	2	12	4	2	...	...	6†	12	† Committed in December 1865, and disposed of in January 1866, 2 convicted 4 acquitted.
Mr. Offg. ditto Sterndale, Pakour	Ditto ...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1‡	1	‡ Ditto ditto 1 ditto.
Mr. Asst. Commr. W. Smith, Rajmehal ...	Rajmehal ...	9	25	7	32	7	24	1	...	...	32	
Mr. Offg. ditto Sterndale, Rajmehal ...	Ditto ...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	
Total ...	... ...	37	91	15	106	28	68	2	...	8	106	
Before Mr. Officiating Deputy Commissioner A. G. Wilson... ...		32	79	15	94	24	68	2	...	...	94	From 1st January to 14th November 1865.
Before Mr. B. Wood, Deputy Commissioner		5	12	...	12	4	...	...	...	8	12	From 15th November to 31st December 1865.

The general result of the commitments is bad. I am of opinion, however, that Mr. Wilson, as Deputy Commissioner, took sometimes a technical view of a case and let the prisoners off on narrow grounds. It will be observed that every Officer's commitments fared badly with him.

Commr.'s Office, Sonthal Pergns.;
Camp Darjeeling,
The 14*th June* 1866.

A. MONEY,
Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.

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No. 2.

CRIMINAL APPEALS.

STATEMENT shewing the number of Appeals preferred from the orders of the Assistant Commissioners to the Deputy Commissioner in Criminal Cases and in Proceedings other than Criminal Trials during the year 1865, *with the orders passed thereon by the Deputy Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.*

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Appeals from orders passed in Criminal Cases.									Appeals from orders in Judicial Proceedings other than Criminal trials.									
From the orders of	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Preferred during the year 1865.		Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending at the close of 1865.	Longest period in days during which any undecided case has been pending.	Pending on 31st December 1864.	Preferred during the year 1865.		Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending on 31st December 1865.	Longest period in days during which any undecided cases has been pending.	Remarks.
		Appeals.	Cases called for.								Appeals.	Cases called for.							
Mr. Asst. Commr. Wilmot, Deoghur ...	...	16	...	16	4	8	4	...	...	...	5	...	5	3	1	1	...	...	
Ditto ditto Cosserat, Doomka ...	...	4	...	4	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Offg. ditto MacEwen, Godda ...	1	7	...	8	...	2	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Ditto ditto G. Smith, Pakour ...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Ditto ditto W. Smith, Rajmehal ...	...	5	...	5	2	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Offg. ditto Sterndale, ditto ...	...	4	...	4	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto ditto G. Smith, ditto ...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	1	39	...	40	7	19	14	...	...	...	9	...	9	3	2	4	...	...	
Mr. Offg. Deputy Commr. Wilson ...	1	27	...	28	6	13	9	...	...	...	6	...	6	2	1	3	...	...	From 1st January to 14th November 1865.
Mr. Deputy Commr. Wood	...	12	...	12	1	6	5	...	...	...	3	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	From 15th November to 31st December 1865.

COMMR.'S OFFICE, SONTHAL PERGHS.;
CAMP DARJEELING,
The 14th June 1866.

A. MONEY,
Commissioner, Sonthal Pergunnahs.

(RESOLUTION.)

JUDICIAL.

Fort William, the 24th September 1866.

READ the Annual Police Report of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for the year 1865.

Read also the Report for 1864.

1. It is satisfactory to observe that there has been a considerable decrease of crime in the year under review.

2. The proportion of conviction to acquittals is good in the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th classes of offences, but not so in the 4th class. Offences relating to weights and measures seem to be rather common in these Pergunnahs.

3. In cases of offences affecting the human body there is generally a decrease, but the result both of commitments and of trials before the Subordinate Magistrates is very unsatisfactory. More care should be taken in issue of summons in petty cases. Particulars of all the cases of murder and culpable homicide should have been given.

4. It is satisfactory to observe that there has been a considerable decrease in the number of dacoities (only six cases this, against sixteen last year). There is also a notable decrease in the number of thefts reported, but the Lieutenant-Governor hopes that this does not indicate want of confidence on the part of the people in the Police. The result of trials in cases of offences against property before the Assistant Commissioners is good, but not so that of the trials before the Deputy Commissioner and Sub-Assistant Commissioners. The facts related by the Commissioner in regard to Poorun Mundle's dacoity case shew most clearly the need of an efficient Government Railway Police. As observed by the Commissioner the return of percentage of plundered property recovered is very unfavorable to the Police.

5. The result of trials in cases of offences relating to marriage indicates hastiness in the issue of process.

6. Under the head of defamation the return of convictions is not favorable. There are too many cases under this head in proportion to the numbers given for other classes of crime. Complaints of the kind are often frivolous and should not be encouraged.

7. Proceedings under Section 270 of the Criminal Procedure Code do not involve separate judicial proceedings, and should not therefore be shewn in the table of miscellaneous offences.

8. The general return of convictions is more favorable in Police cases than in cases sent in by order of the Magisterial Authorities.

9. The return of punishments inflicted on Village Officers during the year shews that they are still very remiss in their duty.

10. The general result of the commitments is, as observed by the Commissioner, unsatisfactory. It is stated, however, "that Mr. Wilson, as Deputy Commissioner, took sometimes a technical view of a case and let the prisoners off on narrow grounds." This is to be regretted.

11. The result of appeals is not very favorable to Messrs. MacEwen and Sterndale.

12. The Lieutenant-Governor notices with satisfaction the favorable testimony borne to the services of Messrs. Wilmot, MacEwen, Fraser, Sterndale, and Meares. Of the other three Assistant Commissioners, Messrs. W. M. Smith, G. M. Smith, and Cosserat, the Commissioner speaks very unfavorably. They are said to be officers of experience and ability, but the possession of these qualities does not compensate for idleness and neglect of duty. The Lieutenant-Governor hopes, however, that the improvement which the Commissioner has noticed in their work since the close of the year may render it unnecessary to take any more serious notice of their conduct in the future.

13. His Honor is glad to learn that a better understanding now exists between the Assistant Commissioner and Assistant Superintendent of Police at Deoghur.

A. EDEN,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 4632.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for information and guidance.

No. 4633.

Ordered also, that an extract from the Report containing the Commissioner's remarks on the Police in Deoghur be forwarded to the Inspector-General of Police for information.

By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

FORT WILLIAM,
The 24th September 1866.

A. MACKENZIE,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

[Exd. W. H.]